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RESULTS OF GDR GRAIN HARVEST BY END OF JULY

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The GDR Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reports that 77.2 percent of the grain was mowed by 30 July. In addition, 10.4 percent of the grain mowed was already threshed, and 18 percent of the stubble of the mowed area was plowed. The status of the harvest operation and the plowing of stubble in the individual Bezirke is as follows:

Grain Mowing

<u>Bezirk</u>	<u>Percent Completed</u>
Cottbus	98.4
Potsdam	86.7
Leipzig	84.9
Greater Berlin	84.2
Neubrandenburg	82.9
Frankfurt	80.3
Dresden	74.4
Schwerin	70.3
Rostock	68.2
Magdeburg	67.9
Halle	66.1
Erfurt	37.8
Karl-Marx-Stadt	34.7
Gera	30.5
Suhl	25.6

Grain Threshing

<u>Bezirk</u>	<u>Percent Completed</u>
Cottbus	27.8
Halle	20.2
Leipzig	18.7
Greater Berlin	17.6

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<u>Bezirk</u>	<u>Percent Completed</u>
Magdeburg	11.9
Dresden	11.6
Potsdam	9.2
Frankfurt	8.2
Neubrandenburg	7.3
Erfurt	5.6
Gera	5.4
Rostock	3.9
Karl-Marx-Stadt	3.6
Schwerin	3.4
Suhl	1.6

Stubble Plowing

<u>Bezirk</u>	<u>Percent Completed</u>
Cottbus	53.0
Dresden	25.2
Magdeburg	24.4
Frankfurt	23.5
Potsdam	20.0
Erfurt	18.2
Halle	18.0
Leipzig	16.0
Gera	15.0
Suhl	14.0
Greater Berlin	12.0
Neubrandenburg	10.7
Karl-Marx-Stadt	8.0
Rostock	8.0
Schwerin	4.6

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In the mowing of grain, there is a considerable lead over the previous year. In Neubrandenburg Bezirk alone, 71,600 hectares of grain were cut in the last 3 days.

This favorable situation is the result of the great efforts of farmers, agricultural workers, and tractor operators, and the outstanding support of the industrial workers, members of the People's Police, and youth.

In Bezirk Schwerin, 1,800 volunteers per day, from all population groups, and 400 members of the People's Police are helping the farmers bring in the harvest.

In Bezirk Neubrandenburg, 1,800 volunteers from Bezirk Karl-Marx-Stadt, 400 members of the People's Police, and 1,000 volunteers from all population groups are helping the farmers.

The MTS have carried out 62.1 percent of their mowing contracts. The tractor operators have performed unusually in the last 3 days by mowing 40,000 hectares in Bezirk Magdeburg and 30,000 hectares in Bezirk Neubrandenburg.

Despite the good progress of mowing the grain and the large use of volunteer helpers, the plowing of stubble has been carried out on only 18 percent of the mowed area.

The sowing of between-season crops is also behind schedule. Frequently, the idea is advocated in the MTS of emphasizing the mowing of grain first and concentrating on the plowing of stubble later. If this were done, the technical advantage of plowing the stubble would be reduced, and the weather, which is particularly good now for sowing between-season crops, would not be utilized fully.

The MTS must therefore put all machinery on a two-shift system, in the next few days, for mowing and especially for catching up on the plowing of stubble.

This weekend, in all Bezirke of the GDR there is to be a campaign to bring in the harvest. Thousands of industrial workers, members of the People's Police, youth, housewives, and pensioners will help the farmers and LPG (Landwirtschaftliche Produktionsgenossenschaften, Agricultural Production Cooperatives) with the harvest.

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